Building Systems
The lighting, power, and mechanical systems are inadequate to meet the demand placed on them because of their age and the changing technology.

Parking
Parking is totally inadequate and remains the number one concern of Library users. Those who do not use the Library cite the lack of available parking as the reason.

Remodeling is not a feasible option
Retrofitting the present facility is not a realistic option because of the cost of the seismic upgrades and modifications for handicapped accessibility. .

SPACE NEEDS AND COST FOR A NEW LIBRARY FACILITY

There has been no formal discussion regarding site selection for a new Library facility. The present facility is 15,600 square feet, which includes the downstairs meeting room. The previously done studies indicate a need for 32,121 square feet for Library use. Additional square footage should be calculated to accommodate other uses, such as a small theater, meeting rooms, a history room, etc. As a frame of reference, the recently completed Foster City Library is 34,000 square feet (24,000 for Library, 10,000 for 2nd floor Community Center), with a construction cost of $6 million and an additional $830,000 for architectural fees, furnishings, equipment and moving expenses. San Carlos is currently in the process of building a new Library of 36,400 square feet (21,500 for Library, 14,900 for 2nd floor Community Room), with a projected cost of $9.25 million, excluding the architectural fees, furnishings and equipment.

THE NEED FOR A LIBRARY FOUNDATION

A Library Foundation is needed to identify, solicit and build the financial support and community awareness to begin a successful building project. It is anticipated that the Foundation will raise a portion of the needed funds and then be able to convince the City and other governmental agencies of the need to provide the additional financing to complete the project.

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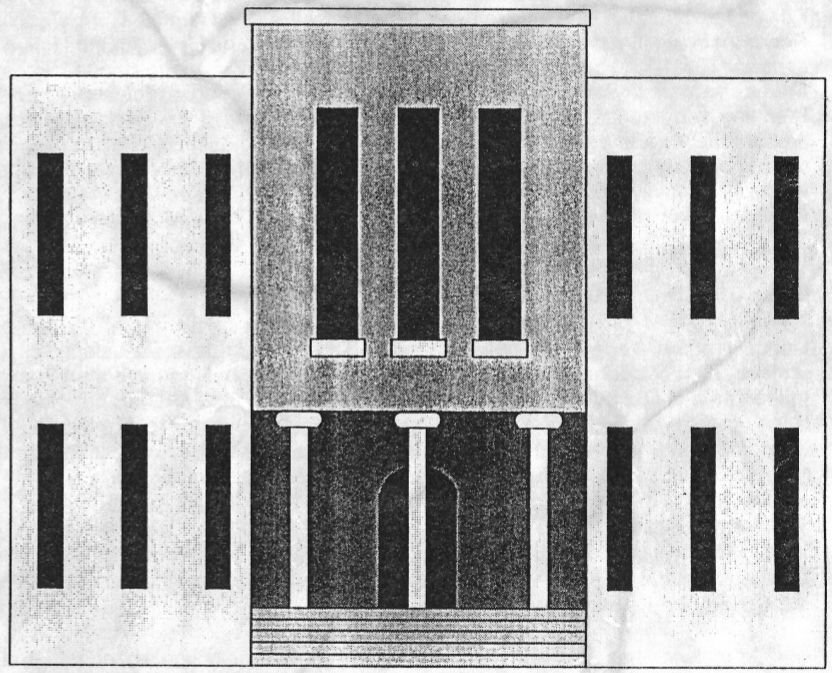

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PURPOSE

The Foundation is being established in order to raise funds for a new Library. The City has two studies which have been adopted by the City Council: Library Facility Needs Assessment Study for the San Bruno Public Library, by Raymond Holt, January 10, 1986; and San Bruno Public Library Accessibility and Space Needs Study: Program of Building and Site Requirements, by Group 4/Architecture and Planning, Inc., August 1991. Both of these studies detail the deficiencies of the present facility and outline the physical space requirements necessary to deliver effective library services to the San Bruno community. It is hoped that a Foundation will be the vehicle to solicit large corporate donations as well as donations from individuals within the community to provide substantial funding for a new facility.

BACKGROUND

Councilmember Irene O'Connell is spearheading the Foundation development project. Mrs. O'Connell is a life-long user of the Library, having used the Library herself as a child and student, and now as an adult user and mother, bringing her three young children to the Library. She ran for City Council in 1995, pledging support for library services. She currently serves as the San Bruno Public Library's representative to the Peninsula Library System Advisory Board.

To date, Councilmember O'Connell has enlisted the support of the Friends of the Library for the establishment of a Foundation and also announced at a City Council meeting of March 24, 1997, her intention to form a Library Foundation and asked for the Council's support:

> "Councilmember O'Connell announced she is personally spearheading creation of a Library Foundation to raise funds to construct new Library and requested Councilmembers' personal support and invited participation of residents and businesses. Council by consensus encouraged project."
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> From the minutes of the March 24, 1997,
> San Bruno City Council meeting.

THE NEED FOR A NEW LIBRARY

The studies cited above, as well as a Needs Assessment done in September 1996, analyze the deficiencies of the present facility in terms of the ability to deliver efficient, state-of the-art library services to the citizens of San Bruno.

Community of High Library Usage
Current statistics demonstrate that San Brunans use their Library and its services, with 59.5% of the population holding San Bruno library cards. The population of San Bruno is 40,450. 24,081 San Brunans have library cards and have used their card in the past three years. Of this number, 1,957 people got new library cards for the first time between July 1996 and June 1997. This does not include the number of people who use the Library for other services that do not require a card, such as reference and business services, newspapers, and telephone inquiries, etc.

The Books and Other Materials
Shelf space continues to be severely inadequate for the existing collections, and no space is available for future collection growth. While technology can increase our data resources, there is much needed information for which people retain a strong preference for traditional print formats. Until other formats are as convenient and usable as the book format, there will be little change in demand for print materials.

New Technology
The Library currently provides access to automated systems and their related hardware. These systems are sophisticated and require workstations and support systems considerably different than the typical library building is designed to support today. Changes in technology and electronic access to information have not decreased the need for library space now, nor is it expected to do so over the next 20 years. It will, however, require more flexibility in the design of a library building to accommodate technology needs to access new formats of materials and support individual and collaborative uses and access to information and library services. Currently, the addition of every workstation requires expensive infrastructure changes to support information technology.

Reader Seating
There continues to be inadequate reader seating in the Library. In addition, there is inadequate space around seating to allow comfortable movement near chairs without disturbing users. There are no quiet seating areas or areas for group study. Complaints relating to these two issues are second only to parking.

Service to the Disabled
The present building does not meet the needs of the disabled and handicapped as there is stair-only access to the downstairs meeting room and mezzanine area. Studies have indicated that it is not feasible to add ramps or elevators to the current structure.